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AMS BUDGET (550)  
NIGHT LEAD NUCLEAR 30.24  
BY TOM OCHILTREE

GENEVA, MARCH 21 (AP)-REOPENING TALKS LOOKING TOWARD THE BANNING OF ALL NUCLEAR TESTS, THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN TODAY OFFERED A SERIES OF CONCESSIONS TO THE RUSSIANS.

THE SOVIET DELEGATE WARNED THAT THE CHANCES OF PRODUCING A TREATY ARE IN DANGER IF FRANCE UNDERTAKES ANY FURTHER TESTS. FRANCE IS NOT REPRESENTED IN THE CONFERENCE HERE.

THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN OFFERED TO GIVE THE COMMUNIST BLOC PARITY WITH THE WEST ON ANY CONTROL COMMISSION.

THE UNITED STATES WENT BEYOND THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSAL OF LAST YEAR AND OFFERED TO LET THE RUSSIANS INSPECT U.S. ATOMIC DEVICES TO BE USED EITHER FOR SEISMIC (UNDERGROUND) RESEARCH OR FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

TO ALL THESE OFFERS, SOVIET DELEGATE SEMYON K. TSARAPKIN REPLIED THAT HE WOULD FIRST HAVE TO GET HIS GOVERNMENT'S REACTION. A PROPOSAL FOR PARITY ON THE CONTROL COMMISSION SEEMED THE WEST'S MAJOR CONCESSION. FOUR WESTERN, FOUR COMMUNIST AND THREE NEUTRAL NATIONS WOULD HAVE SEATS. THIS WAS CONSIDERED SAFER THAN THE PREVIOUS PLAN OF A 3-3-1 RADIO UNDER WHICH THE LONE NEUTRAL WOULD BE SUBJECT TO PRESSURE FROM BOTH SIDES.

BUT EVEN THIS OFFER WAS BULLED SOMEWHAT BY A SOVIET MOVE TO TURN THE TOP EXECUTIVE SETUP OF THE ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATION INTO A COMMITTEE--A MOVE REMINISCENT OF PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV'S ATTEMPT TO SPLIT UP THE U.N. JOB OF SECRETARY-GENERAL.

TSARAPKIN PROPOSED AN ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ONE WESTERNER, ONE COMMUNIST AND ONE NEUTRAL.

ARTHUR H. DEAN, NEW HEAD OF THE U.S. DELEGATION, INTRODUCED WESTERN PROPOSALS FOR BREAKING THE 2 1/2 YEAR DEADLOCK.

WITH THE BACKING OF BRITAIN'S DAVID ORMSBY-GORE, DEAN PROPOSED CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATIVE DETAIL BUT NO SURRENDER ON BASIC PRINCIPLES.

THE AIM, DEAN TOLD THE CONFERENCE, IS TO CONCLUDE "A SOUND AND FAIR TREATY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHICH WOULD OFFER GOOD PROSPECTS FOR A PERMANENT BAN OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD UNDER A SYSTEM OF ADEQUATE INTERNATIONAL CONTROLS."

THERE WAS NO ATTEMPT TO SECURE A SERIES OF CONCESSIONS FROM THE RUSSIANS BUT RATHER TO GET THEM TO ACCEPT THE IDEA OF ENFORCEMENT BY TACKLING THE PROBLEM ON A BROAD FRONT.

ORMSBY-GORE SPOKE OF "SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATIONS TO MEET THE SOVIET UNION'S POINT OF VIEW." THE BRITISH DELEGATE ADDED:

"I BELIEVE THAT TODAY THE WESTERN PROPOSALS HAVE BROUGHT US VERY NEAR AGREEMENT ON A TREATY--A FAIR, REASONABLE, EFFECTIVE AND ADEQUATELY SAFEGUARDED TREATY THAT WOULD GIVE THE WORLD THE PROSPECT OF SEEING NO MORE NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS OF ANY KIND."

ANOTHER MAJOR WESTERN PROPOSAL WAS THAT TO ALLOW SOVIET TECHNICIANS TO EXAMINE THE INSIDES OF ANY ATOMIC DEVICES THE U.S. GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO FIRE FOR SEISMIC RESEARCH OR FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

IF RUSSIA UNDERTOOK AN INDEPENDENT RESEARCH PROGRAM OF THIS TYPE THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN WOULD INSIST ON BEING ALLOWED TO EXAMINE SOVIET ATOMIC DEVICES.

THE WESTERN PROPOSALS INCLUDED:

1. A THREE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON SMALL UNDERGROUND TESTS TO ALLOW TIME FOR SCIENTIFIC INQUIRIES. EARLIER THE WEST REQUESTED A 27-MONTH MORATORIUM; THE SOVIET UNION ASKED FOUR YEARS.

2. REDUCTION TO 19 FROM 21 IN THE NUMBER OF PERMANENT CONTROL POSTS SITED ON SOVIET TERRITORY. THIS WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY LOCATING TWO STATIONS IN COUNTRIES NEAR RUSSIA.

3. ADOPTION OF A FULL BAN ON HIGH ALTITUDE TESTS. TSARAPKIN'S REFERENCES TO FRANCE SURPRISED THE WESTERN DELEGATIONS. THE FRENCH EXPLODED THEIR FIRST ATOMIC DEVICE MORE THAN A YEAR AGO, AND YET THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE SOVIET UNION HAS RAISED THE MATTER.

INFORMANTS SAID TSARAPKIN'S MOVE COULD BE READ AS AN ATTEMPT TO SHIFT BLAME IN CASE NUCLEAR TALKS BREAK DOWN COMPLETELY. WHEN THE THREE POWERS BEGAN THEIR NEGOTIATIONS IN 1958 FRANCE WAS NOT YET AN ATOMIC POWER. THE FRENCH HAVE MADE NO MOVE TO GET A SEAT AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE.

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NIGHT LEAD KHRUSHCHEV  
BY PRESTON GROVER

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MOSCOW, MARCH 21 (AP)-PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV TOLD THE SOVIET PEOPLE TODAY THEY ARE OVERTAKING THE UNITED STATES BUT CANNOT REST UNTIL THE WHOLE WORLD IS UNDER THE FLAG OF COMMUNISM.

SPEAKING OVER A NATIONWIDE RADIO HOOKUP FROM THE CITY OF ALMA ATA--CAPITAL OF THE PIONEER AGRICULTURAL REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN--THE PREMIER URGED HIS PEOPLE TO WORK FOR NEW INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL TRIUMPHS IN FIELDS RANGING FROM TENTMAKING TO CORN PRODUCTION.

"WE ARE HAPPY WHEN WE BUILD COMMUNISM (HERE) BUT THAT IS NOT ENOUGH," HE SAID. "WE SHALL BE HAPPY WHEN PEOPLE OF ALL COUNTRIES STAND UNDER THE BANNER OF MARXISM-LENINISM AND THE COMMUNIST BANNER FLIES OVER THE WHOLE PLANET."

TO A STORM OF APPLAUSE FROM THE LEADING FARMERS AND COMMUNIST OFFICIALS OF KAZAKHSTAN KHRUSHCHEV CONTINUED:

"OPPONENTS OF COMMUNISM WILL SAY THAT KHRUSHCHEV EXPRESSES PRETENTIOUS CLAIMS FOR THE RULE OF COMMUNISM. IT IS NOT A CLAIM BUT A DEEP CONVICTION BASED ON A PROFOUND THEORY OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN SOCIETY. IT DOES NOT DEPEND ON ME OR ANY ONE PERSON."

TURNING TO HIS THEME OF VERTAKING THE UNITED STATES, KHRUSHCHEV CITED A STATEMENT BY U.S. SECRETARY OF LABOR ARTHUR GOLDBERG THAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE CLOSE IN STEEL PRODUCTION. (AT DULUTH, MINN., LAST WEDNESDAY, WHILE TOURING UNEMPLOYMENT AREAS, GOLDBERG SAID HE FOUND IT SHOCKING THAT SOVIET STEEL PRODUCTION HAD EQUALLED OR SURPASSED THE U.S. OUTPUT. ALLUDING TO THE FACT THAT THE U.S. STEEL INDUSTRY OPERATED AT ONLY 66 PER CENT OF CAPACITY LAST YEAR, GOLDBERG SAID HE REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE IDEA "THAT WE DO NOT NEED THE STEEL THAT THIS COUNTRY IS PRODUCING.")

REFERRING TO GOLDBERG'S STATEMENT (WITHOUT QUOTING IT IN FULL), KHRUSHCHEV TOLD HIS CHEERING AUDIENCE:

"NOT BAD, COMRADES. YOU CANNOT IMAGINE THE GREAT HAPPINESS OF OUR PEOPLE WHEN WE ALSO OVERTAKE THE UNITED STATES IN THE PER CAPITA PRODUCTION OF MEAT. THAT WOULD BE A NEW VICTORY IMPORTANT NOT ONLY ECONOMICALLY BUT OF TREMENDOUS IMPORTANCE POLITICALLY. THIS WILL SHOW ONCE MORE THE GREAT FORCE OF THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM. WITH SUCH AIMS IT IS WORTHWHILE TO WORK WELL, COMRADES."

KHRUSHCHEV IS NEARING THE END OF A LONG TOUR AIMED AT LASHING INEFFICIENT FARM MANAGERS INTO PRODUCING MORE CROPS THAN DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS.

THIS TRIP HAS CARRIED HIM HALFWAY ACROSS THE SOVIET UNION AND BACK. THE ARDUOUS JOURNEY WAS REFLECTED IN A NUMBER OF SMALL FLUFFS IN DELIVERING HIS SPEECH, BUT HIS VOICE REMAINED RELATIVELY STRONG FOR MORE THAN THREE HOURS.

THE VISIT TO KAZAKHSTAN ALSO BROUGHT KHRUSHCHEV A MEDAL, PRESENTED TO HIM "FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF VIRGIN LANDS" BY DIMUHAMED KUNAEV, WHO IS KAZAKHSTAN'S COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF.

TASS REPORTED THAT THE KAZAKHSTAN AUTHORITIES ALSO DECIDED TO START A "GOLDEN BOOK" OF THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN DEVELOPING KAZAKHSTAN'S LONG-FALLOW AGRICULTURAL LANDS. KUNAEV SAID THE FIRST NAME TO BE ENTERED IN THE BOOK WILL BE -NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV.

KHRUSHCHEV'S SPEECH RANGED FROM HIS VIEW OF THE INEVITABILITY OF A COMMUNIST VICTORY TO HIS OPINIONS ON HOW TO BUILD A YURT. THIS ANCIENT TYPE OF CIRCULAR TENT THAT ONCE HOUSED THE WARRIORS OF GENGHIS KHAN IS STILL USED ON THE PLAINS OF KAZAKHSTAN BY SHEPHERDS FOLLOWING THEIR FLOCKS.

BUT NOTHING IS TOO SMALL TO ESCAPE KHRUSHCHEV'S ATTENTION IF IT MEANS BETTER PRODUCTION. COMPLAINING THAT THE WOOL FELT NOW USED AS YURT COVERINGS LETS IN WIND AND RAIN, HE URGED SOVIET CHEMISTS TO DEVELOP A NEW, WATERPROOF ARTIFICIAL FIBER FOR THE YURTS.

JUST TO MAKE SURE THAT THE SHEPHERDS WILL BE WARM IN THEIR NEW YURTS, HE ADDED, THE CHEMISTS HAD BETTER BE PREPARED TO SPEND A NIGHT IN IT ON THE PLAINS TO TRY IT OUT. THIS ALSO WON A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

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(300) NIGHT LEAD KENNEDY-SOVIET 30-24  
BY GARDNER L. BRIDGE

WASHINGTON, MARCH 21 (AP)-THE STATE DEPARTMENT TODAY DISCLOSED AN EXCHANGE BETWEEN RUSSIA AND THE UNITED STATES OVER A SECOND RB47 AIRCRAFT INCIDENT, WHICH ALLEGEDLY OCCURRED 10 DAYS AFTER PRESIDENT KENNEDY TOOK OFFICE.

THE UNITED STATES INFORMED RUSSIA AFTER AN INVESTIGATION THAT IT DID NOT BELIEVE A VIOLATION OF SOVIET AIRSPACE HAD OCCURRED, THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE INCIDENT, WHICH THE DEPARTMENT NOW CONSIDERS CLOSED, AROSE ONLY A FEW DAYS AFTER KENNEDY DRAMATICALLY ANNOUNCED RUSSIA'S RELEASE OF THE TWO SURVIVORS OF AN RB47 RECONNAISSANCE PLANE SHOT DOWN IN THE ARCTIC LAST JULY 1.

KENNEDY MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT AT A NATIONALLY TELEVISED NEWS CONFERENCE ON JAN. 25, AND TWO DAYS LATER HE WENT OUT TO ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE TO GEET THE TWO RB47 FLIERS ON THEIR RETURN FROM RUSSIA.

SOVIET PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV WAS DISPLAYING AN INTEREST AT THE TIME IN LAYING THE BASIS FOR MORE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

AS A RESULT OF THE JAN. 30 INCIDENT, IN WHICH NO SHOTS WERE EXCHANGED, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT RECEIVED RENEWED ASSURANCE OF KENNEDY'S ORDER THAT U.S. AIRCRAFT WILL AVOID VIOLATING RUSSIAN AIR SPACE.

FOLLOWING IS THE STATEMENT BY PRESS OFFICER LINCOLN WHITE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT:

"AT THE END OF JANUARY THE SOVIET FOREIGN OFFICE ORALLY INFORMED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY THAT IT BELIEVED AN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT, PRESUMABLY OF RB47 TYPE, HAD PASSED OVER SOVIET TERRITORIAL WATERS NEAR THE ISLAND OF VIZE IN THE KARA SEA AND REQUESTED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATE.

2 "SUBSEQUENTLY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY INFORMED THE FOREIGN OFFICE THAT A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION HAD BEEN CONDUCTED AND THAT THE UNITED STATES DID NOT BELIEVE THAT A VIOLATION OF SOVIET AIRSPACE

HAD OCCURRED. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE MIGHT BE LEGITIMATE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BASED ON DIFFERING TECHNICAL AND OTHER INFORMATION.

"IN THIS CONNECTION, THE FOREIGN OFFICE WAS AGAIN TOLD OF THE PRESIDENT'S ORDERS THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO FOIGTS OF AMERICAN AIRCRAFT OVER THE AIRSPACE OF THE U.S.S.R.

"THIS MATTER WAS DEALT WITH THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AND IS CONSIDERED CLOSED."

WHILE WHITE DECLINED AT THIS NEWS CONFERENCE TO GIVE THE DATE, HE SAID LATER THAT IT WAS JAN. 30.

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(180) NIGHT LEAD SPACE 30-24  
WASHINGTON, MARCH 21 (AP)-A PENTAGON DIRECTIVE GIVING THE AIR FORCE MANAGEMENT OF MILITARY SPACE PROJECTS GOT A PUBLIC NOD OF ACCEPTANCE BY THE NAVY TODAY.

BUT, SECRETARY OF THE NAVY JOHN B. CONNALLY TOLD THE HOUSE SCIENCE COMMITTEE, HIS IDEAS ARE "NOT IN COMPLETE ACCORD WITH THE DIRECTIVE" AND HE HAD BEEN ASSURED THAT, "IF NECESSARY, THE DIRECTIVE MIGHT BE ALTERED."

CONNALLY SAID THE ASSURANCE CAME FROM SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT S. McNAMARA TO GUARANTEE THAT THE NAVY WOULD KEEP ITS CAPABILITY TO PERFORM ITS MISSIONS.

THIS CAUSED REP. JAMES G. FULTON, R-PA., TO COMMENT: "THE FIRST HOLE HAS BEEN SHOT IN THE DIRECTIVE BY THE MAN WHO ISSUED IT."

CONNALLY SAID HE HAD PROPOSED THAT MILITARY SPACE PROJECTS BE ASSIGNED TO THE SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR ABILITIES AND NEEDS. MCNAMARA ASSURED HIM, THE NAVY SECRETARY SAID, THE NAVY WOULD NOT BE DEPRIVED OF A CHANCE TO "CONTINUE WORKING ON SPACE PROGRAMS IN WHICH THEY ARE INTERESTED."

CONNALLY EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE NAVY "WON'T BE PUT OUT OF THE SPACE BUSINESS" AND WILL BE READY TO "SOUND THE CRY OF ALARM" IF ITS "FULL CAPABILITIES ARE NOT USED."

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(350) TRUDEAU 30-24

WASHINGTON, MARCH 21 (AP)-THE ARMY'S RESEARCH CHIEF TODAY TOLD THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY THAT HE HAD "NO INTENTION TO CRITICIZE HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS" IN TESTIFYING BEFORE THE HOUSE SPACE COMMITTEE YESTERDAY.

LT. GEN. ARTHUR G. TRUDEAU WROTE SECRETARY ELVIS J. STAHR JR. THAT A REMARK WHICH REPORTERS INTERPRETED AS BROADLY SARCASTIC HAD BEEN "TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT."

IN TESTIFYING, TRUDEAU STRONGLY INDICATED THAT HE HAD, AT LEAST AT MCNAMARA GIVING THE AIR FORCE VIRTUALLY TOTAL CONTROL OVER MILITARY SPACE DEVELOPMENT.

AT ONE POINT TRUDEAU SAID:

"WE READ EVERY DAY ABOUT HOW FORTUNATE WE ARE TO HAVE THE CIVILIAN COMPETENCE WHICH IS BEING BROUGHT INTO THE GOVERNMENT AND AS A SIMPLE MILITARY MAN I ACCEPT THESE PROFOUND DECISIONS AS BEING MADE IN GREAT WISDOM."

IT WAS THIS REMARK WHICH REPORTERS REGARDED AS SARCASTIC.

IN HIS LETTER TO STAHR, WHICH WAS MADE PUBLIC BY THE PENTAGON, TRUDEAU DID NOT SPELL OUT THE WORDING HE USED YESTERDAY.

"I AM DEEPLY DISTURBED," TRUDEAU WROTE, "THAT A SENTENCE IN MY TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE SCIENCE AND ASTRONAUTICS COMMITTEE YESTERDAY GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT I INTENDED TO CRITICIZE MY CIVILIAN SUPERIORS.

"I WANT TO ASSURE YOU AND SECRETARY McNAMARA THAT THERE WAS NO INTENTION TO CRITICIZE HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS DESPITE THE IMPRESSION THE REMARK GIVES TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT WITH THE BALANCE OF MY TESTIMONY AND THE ATMOSPHERE THAT THEN PERVERSED THE COMMITTEE ROOM."

HE DID NOT SAY WHAT HE MEANT BY THE ATMOSPHERE.

THE GENERAL SAID FURTHER HE DOES NOT BELIEVE "ANYONE WHO READS THE TESTIMONY CAN CHALLENGE THE FACT THAT WE HAVE CLEARLY EXPRESSED OUR INTENT TO LOYALLY EXECUTE THE DIRECTIVES ON MILITARY SPACE RESPONSIBILITIES, DESPITE OUR EARLIER EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR A DIFFERENT APPROACH."

TRUDEAU ENDED HIS LETTER, "FAITHFULLY YOURS", AFTER SAYING HE HOPES "NO FURTHER ACCENT" WILL BE PLACED ON THE SENTENCE IN QUESTION AND "TRUST YOU AND THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILL ACCEPT MY EXPLANATION AT FACE VALUE."

TRUDEAU SENT A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO GEN. GEORGE H. DECKER, ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF, AND ASKED THAT THE LETTER BE MADE A PART OF THE RECORD OF HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

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BERLIN, MARCH 21 (AP)-MAYOR WILLY BRANDT REPORTED TODAY THAT HE FOUND THE U.S. PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT STANDING FIRMLY BEHIND THE FREEDOM OF WEST BERLIN.

BRANDT RETURNED LAST NIGHT FROM A WEEK'S TRIP TO AMERICA. HE SAID HE FOUND HIMSELF AGREEING WITH THE AMERICAN POSITION THAT THERE ARE NO NEW PROPOSALS TO BE MADE FROM THE WESTERN SIDE ON THE FUTURE OF THE FORMER GERMAN CAPITAL.

"THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR THE CITY OF BERLIN IS UNSHAKEABLE," BRANDT TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE. "THE SECURITY OF BERLIN IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN U.S. POLICY."

IN HIS OWN OPINION, HE SAID, BERLIN IS A KIND OF SAFETY-VALVE FOR THE ANTI-COMMUNIST PRESSURES THAT BUILD UP IN RED-RULED EAST GERMANY. IN BERLIN, SEPARATED FAMILIES FROM EAST AND WEST GERMANY HAVE A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN GET TOGETHER. WHEN THEY

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CAN STAND COMMUNIST RULE NO LONGER. WEST BERLIN IS THE EASIEST PLACE TO WHICH EAST GERMANS CAN FLEE.

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-ALL POINTS- (160) 30.24  
COMO, ITALY, MARCH 21 (AP)-WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR KONRAD ADENAUER AND ITALIAN PREMIER AMINTORE FANFANI PLEDGED TONIGHT TO CONTINUE AID TO UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

THE LEADERS OF THE TWO BOOMING EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, IN A DAY-LONG MEETING, DISCUSSED A VARIETY OF EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL MATTERS. FANFANI AND HIS FOREIGN MINISTER, ANTONIO SEGNI, JOURNEYED FROM ROME FOR THE MEETING WITH ADENAUER, WHO IS VACATIONING AT NEARBY CADENABBIA ON THE SHORES OF LAKE COMO.

THE COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING THE TALKS INDICATED A KEY TOPIC WAS U.S. SUGGESTIONS THAT ITALY AND WEST GERMANY, WITH FAVORABLE BALANCES OF PAYMENTS, TAKE ON A BIGGER BURDEN OF AID TO UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO TAKE PRESSURE OFF THE DOLLAR.

A REVISED AID PROGRAM WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE GROUP, AN ORGANIZATION OF WESTERN POWERS, IN LONDON MARCH 27.

THE ADENAUER-FANFANI COMMUNIQUE SAID THEIR DISCUSSIONS SHOWED A SIMILARITY OF VIEWS ON THE MAIN PROBLEMS TO COME UP AT THE MEETING.

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FIRST LEAD (150) 30.24  
EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, CALIF., MARCH 21 (AP)-A B52 BOMBER MADE ITS FIRST LANDING TODAY WITH A FULLY-FUELED X15 ROCKET PLANE ATTACHED TO ITS WING--AN OPERATION DUBBED POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS.

ONE OFFICIAL SAID: "IT WAS LIKE HAVING A BOMB UNDER THE WING." THE REFERENCE WAS TO THE EXPLOSIVE CAPABILITY OF THE X15'S FUEL.

NORMALLY, FUEL IS DUMPED BEFORE AN X15 IS LANDED.

THE OCCASION TODAY WAS A SCHEDULED TRY AT SETTING A NEW ALTITUDE MARK OF ABOUT 150,000 FEET. BUT SHORTLY AFTER THE B52 TOOK OFF, WITH THE X15 TUCKED UNDER ITS WING, THE ROCKET SHIP HAD AN ELECTRICAL FAILURE.

THE LANDING WAS MADE WITH FUEL BECAUSE IT WAS HOPED THE TROUBLE COULD BE FIXED QUICKLY AND THE X15 COULD BE TAKEN ALOFT AGAIN AND DROPPED AT 45,000 FEET FOR ITS ASSAULT ON SPACE.

AIR FORCE CAPT. JACK ALLAVIE BROUGHT THE B52 IN FOR A PERFECT LANDING. BUT THE TOTAL WEIGHT OF THE TWO PLANES PLUS THEIR FUEL--145 TONS--CAUSED A BRAKE TO BURN OUT.

POSTPONEMENT WAS ANNOUNCED SOON AFTER.

TRUE GOAL OF TEST PILOT JOSEPH A. WALKER WAS THE FIRST FULL-SCALE TEST OF SPECIAL ROCKET JETS TO GUIDE THE BLACK DART AT THE EDGE OF SPACE. CONVENTIONAL AIRPLANE CONTROLS WON'T WORK THAT HIGH, FOR LACK OF AIR.

AN X15 SET THE OLD ALTITUDE RECORD OF 136,500 FEET--ABOUT 26 MILES. IN ITS FIRST FLIGHT WITH A MORE POWERFUL ENGINE, THE X15 FLASHED TO AN UNOFFICIAL WORLD SPEED RECORD OF 2,905 MILES AN HOUR.

EVENTUAL GOALS, BY STAGES, ARE ALTITUDES OF 50 TO 100 MILES AT SPEED OF 4,000 M.P.H.

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VIENNA, MARCH 21 (AP)-COMMUNIST BULGARIA AND BRAZIL HAVE AGREED TO RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE WORLD WAR II, RADIO SOFIA SAID TONIGHT. THE AGREEMENT WAS CONCLUDED RECENTLY BY THEIR U.N. DELEGATIONS, THE BROADCAST SAID.

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CORRIENTES, ARGENTINA, MARCH 21 (AP)-THE ARMY SAID TODAY IT HAS UNCOVERED A RED GUERRILLA TRAINING SCHOOL ON THE ESTATE OF A PROMINENT CITIZEN HERE.

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GEN. EDGARDO FAIT, COMMANDER OF THE SEVENTH ARMY DIVISION, SAID 12 PARAGUAYAN AND ARGENTINE CITIZENS WERE ARRESTED IN A RAID ON THE SCHOOL. FAIT SAID OFFICERS ALSO FOUND SEVERAL COPIES OF A BOOK ON GUERRILLA WARFARE WRITTEN BY CUBAN ECONOMIC CZAR ERNESTO (CHE) GUEVARA, A NATIVE OF ARGENTINA.

FAIT DID NOT IDENTIFY THE OWNER OF THE ESTATE.

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-ALL POINTS-  
(490) NIGHT LEAD SPY TRIAL 30.24  
BY THOMAS A. REEDY

LONDON, MARCH 21 (AP)-TWO DEFENDANTS IN LONDON'S SPY TRIAL--IDENTIFIED BY THE FBI AS AMERICANS--DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY ESPIONAGE RING TODAY. AND THE MAN ON TRIAL AS THE RING'S MASTERMIND BACKED THEM UP.

GORDON A. LONSDALE, SHAGGY-MANED AND POWERFULLY BUILT, SAID THE SPY EQUIPMENT FOUND IN THE BASEMENT OF A SUBURBAN BUNGALOW WAS HIS. LIVING IN THE HOUSE WERE PETER KROGER, 50, AND HIS WIFE, HELEN, 47. THE FBI IN WASHINGTON HAS IDENTIFIED THEM AS MORRIS COHEN AND HIS WIFE LOLA, FORMER RESIDENTS OF NEW YORK. THE KROGERS, LONSDALE AND TWO OTHER DEFENDANTS ARE ACCUSED OF FILTERING BRITISH NAVAL SECRETS TO THE RUSSIANS.

IN HIS FIRST COURT STATEMENT SINCE HE AND THE OTHERS PLEADED NOT GUILTY, LONSDALE SAID HE DUPED THE KROGERS AND USED THEIR SUBURBAN RUISLIP HOME AS A PLACE TO KEEP HIS THINGS.

"I AM ANXIOUS THAT MR. AND MRS. KROGER SHOULD NOT SUFFER FOR WHAT I HAVE DONE IN PUTTING MY PROPERTY IN THEIR HOME," HE DECLARED.

"I REALIZE THAT IT IS TOO LATE TO MAKE AMENDS NOW BUT I FEEL THE LEAST I CAN DO IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES IS TO ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTION IRRESPECTIVE OF THE CONSEQUENCES TO ME PERSONALLY."

LONSDALE MADE AN UNSWORN STATEMENT INSTEAD OF TESTIFYING UNDER OATH. THIS BARRED CROSS-EXAMINATION.

THE KROGERS ALSO MADE UNSWORN STATEMENTS. THEY DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF A SPY RING AND SAID THEY KNEW NOTHING OF A HIGH POWER RADIO UNDER THE FLOOR OF THEIR KITCHEN UNTIL INVESTIGATORS FOUND IT HIDDEN THERE BENEATH A PILE OF TRASH.

THE KROGERS SAID THEY MET LONSDALE IN PARIS FIVE YEARS AGO AND THE THREE DEVELOPED SUCH A CLOSE FRIENDSHIP THAT HE HAD A KEY TO THEIR HOME. KROGER DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS A BOOK DEALER.

THE PROSECUTION CLAIMS THAT IN ADDITION TO THE RADIO TRANSMITTER, THE KROGER HOME HARBORED A CIGARETTE LIGHTER AND TALCUM POWDER TINS WITH SECRET COMPARTMENTS, BOOK ENDS IN WHICH FAKE PASSPORTS WERE V

THE KROGER HOME HARBORED A CIGARETTE LIGHTER AND TALCUM POWDER TINS WITH SECRET COMPARTMENTS, BOOK ENDS IN WHICH FAKE PASSPORTS WERE CONCEALED, A TOTAL OF \$2,563, PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT AND CHEMICALS FOR MAKING MICRODOTS, THE TINY SPOTS WHICH WHEN ENLARGED CAN AMOUNT TO AN ENTIRE PAGE OF WRITING.

LONSDALE SAID ALL THIS WAS HIS BUT MADE NO ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN WHAT HE WAS DOING WITH IT.

THE OTHER TWO DEFENDANTS, NAVAL CLERKS HENRY F. HOUGHTON, 55, AND HIS GIRL FRIEND, ETHEL GEE, 46, HAVE ADMITTED ON THE WITNESS STAND BASE, INCLUDING SOME DELIBERATELY BLURRED FILMS OF A DRAWING OF THE AMERICAN NAVAL ATTACHE NAMED "ALEX JOHNSON."

LONSDALE'S LAWYER CRITICIZED THE PROSECUTION FOR CONTENDING HIS CLIENT WAS A RUSSIAN. HE SAID LONSDALE HAD A CANADIAN PASSPORT AND A CANADIAN BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

THE CASE PROBABLY WILL GO TO THE JURY TOMORROW. PENALTY FOR CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE THE OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT, THE FORMAL CHARGE, CARRIES A SENTENCE OF THREE TO SEVEN YEARS IN JAIL.

KROGER SAID HE AND HIS WIFE WERE MARRIED IN THE UNITED STATES, MOVED TO CANADA, AND FROM THERE TO BRITAIN.

COUNSEL FOR THE KROGERS TOLD THE JURY TO "ACCEPT IF YOU WILL THAT LONSDALE DID ALL THIS, ACCEPT THE CONDEMNATION OF HOUGHTON AND GEE, BUT REMEMBER THAT NONE OF THIS HAS BEEN LINKED IN EVIDENCE TO THE KROGERS." SCOTLAND YARD CRACKED THE CASE WITH THE ARREST OF LONSDALE, HOUGHTON AND MISS GEE WHEN THEY MET OUTSIDE WATERLOO STATION LAST JAN. 7. AT THE SAME TIME THE KROGERS WERE ARRESTED AT HOME.

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HEIDELBERG, GERMANY, MARCH 21 (AP)-GEN HANS SPEIDEL, GERMAN COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF NATO LAND FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE, TODAY WAS AWARDED THE AMERICAN LEGION OF MERIT AT THE U.S. ARMY'S EUROPEAN HEADQUARTERS.

ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, U.S. GEN. BRUCE C. CLARKE DECORATED SPEIDEL BEFORE AN AMERICAN, FRENCH AND GERMAN HONOR GUARD.

SPEIDEL SERVED IN ADOLF HITLER'S ARMY.

CLARKE DESCRIBED SPEIDEL AS A "DISTINGUISHED SOLDIER, AN EMINENT SCHOLAR, TEACHER AND AUTHOR, AN OUTSTANDING PATRIOT AND A FIRM FRIEND."

THE DECORATION WAS GIVEN SPEIDEL BECAUSE HIS "SUPERIOR LEADERSHIP WAS HIGHLY INSTRUMENTAL IN WELDING ALLIED ELEMENTS OF NATO INTO AN INTEGRATED COMBAT-READY FORCE FORMING A VITAL PART OF THE NATO SHIELD," CLARKE SAID.

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BANGKOK, THAILAND, MARCH 21 (AP)-THE COMMANDER OF U.S. FORCES IN THE PACIFIC AREA, ADM. HARRY D. FELT, SAID TODAY HIS FORCES ARE READY TO MEET "ALL KINDS OF CONTINGENCIES" IN LAOS OR ANY OTHER PART OF THE AREA WITHIN A MATTER OF DAYS.

FELT SAID HE CONSIDERED THE SITUATION IN LAOS CRITICAL BUT ADDED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE PRESENT REBEL DRIVE TOWARD VIENTIANE POSED A SERIOUS THREAT.

THE ADMIRAL REFUSED TO ANSWER POLITICAL QUESTIONS ABOUT LAOS OR TO SUGGEST ANY POSSIBLE AVENUE TOWARD PEACE IN THE STRATEGIC INDOCHINESE KINGDOM, SAYING THAT WAS A MATTER FOR THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE SOUTHEAST ASIA TREATY ORGANIZATION (SEATO).

FELT CAME HERE FOR THE MEETING OF SEATO MILITARY ADVISERS BEGINNING TOMORROW. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WILL OPEN A FOUR-DAY MEETING MONDAY, A MEETING SEATO SECRETARY-GENERAL POTE SARASIN OF THAILAND TODAY CALLED ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT IN THE ALLIANCE'S HISTORY BECAUSE OF THE SITUATION IN LAOS AND ELSEWHERE IN THE AREA.

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BERKELEY, CALIF., MARCH 21 (AP)-DR. EDWARD TELLER, THE HYDROGEN BOMB PHYSICIST, SAYS THAT THE PRESENT MORATORIUM ON NUCLEAR TESTING

"MIGHT WELL PROVE CATASTROPHIC" FOR THE UNITED STATES.

DR. TELLER, ADDRESSING A UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA ALUMNI BANQUET LAST NIGHT, SAID HE WAS EXPRESSING THE VIEW OF JOHN A. MCCONE, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION WHO WAS NAMED "ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR" AT CALIFORNIA.

THE PHYSICIST ACCEPTED THE AWARD FOR MCCONE, WHO WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE BANQUET.

DR. TELLER WAS COMMENTING ON THE RESUMPTION OF NUCLEAR TEST BAN TALKS TODAY IN GENEVA.

"THE SITUATION UNDER WHICH WE HAVE FOREGONE ALL TESTING--AND HENCE ALL SIGNIFICANT WEAPONS ADVANCEMENT DURING THE PAST TWO AND A HALF YEARS, WITH NO MEANS OF KNOWING THAT THE SOVIET HAVE DONE LIKEWISE--MIGHT WELL PROVE CATASTROPHIC FOR US," HE SAID.

"IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE SPELL OUT ENFORCEABLE CHECKS ON NUCLEAR TESTING AND THAT WE DO NOT RELY ON ANY GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT."

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AP FOREIGN SERVICE ADVANCE FOR TUESDAY PMS  
BY HELICK O. HAUGEN

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(ADVANCE) OSLO, NORWAY, MARCH 21 (AP)-NORWAY HAS NO NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND IS EXPECTING NONE, BUT NORWEGIANS ARE DRAWING UP BATTLE LINES FOR AND AGAINST THEM ANYWAY.

THE GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO ALLOW ATOMIC WEAPONS ON NORWEGIAN SOIL IN PEACE TIME, EVEN THOUGH NORWAY'S MILITARY COMMANDERS HAVE JOINED THEIR NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION (NATO) ALLIES IN DEMANDING THEM.

THE MILITARY MEN HERE SAY THAT WITHOUT TACTICAL (BATTLEFIELD) ATOMIC WEAPONS, TINY NORWAY CANNOT STAND UP AGAINST A RUSSIAN ONSLAUGHT. STRATEGIC (TOTAL WAR) NUCLEAR WEAPONS HAVE NOT BEEN MENTIONED.

NORWAY HAS ONE MISSILE BATTALION OF "HONEST JOHN" ROCKETS STATIONED AT SAETERMOEN IN THE NORTH. BUT THE NATION'S NONNUCLEAR POLICY HAS LIMITED THE ROCKET WARHEADS TO TNT. AND WHILE THE ROCKET MEN ARE PROUD OF THEIR \$10,000-A-MISSILE-

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HARDWARE," THEY ADMIT PRIVATELY THAT IT'S RATHER SILLY TO DRAG THE STUFF AROUND ON NORWAY'S NARROW ROADS JUST TO FIRE OFF A PACKAGE OF TNT ONCE IN A WHILE.

THE ANTIATOMIC DEMONSTRATIONS SCHEDULED ALL OVER NORWAY YESTERDAY WERE THE START. JUST BEFORE THE BIG NATO MEETING HERE MAY 8-10, SCIENTISTS WHO OPPOSE THE A-BOMB ARE TO GATHER IN OSLO. DR. LINUS PAULING, THE JOBEL PRIZEWINNING AMERICAN CHEMIST, HAS CALLED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE MAY 2-7 AT THE OSLO NOBEL INSTITUTE IN COOPERATION WITH A NON-COMMUNIST GROUP CALLED "THE 13." A GROUP OF 30 PROMINENT NORWEGIANS ASKS THAT THE PROBLEM BE CONSIDERED UNEMOTIONALLY AND IN THE LIGHT OF THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION--THOUGH THEY HAVE NOT COME OUT POSITIVELY FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR NORWAY. THE PRESS ALSO HAS TAKEN UP THE FIGHT, BOTH FOR AND AGAINST.

THE RULING SOCIALIST PARTY OPENS ITS OSLO CONVENTION APRIL 9 AND HAS A GOOD CHANCE OF PUTTING THROUGH A CHANGE IN THE ATOMIC PLANK OF ITS PLATFORM. A SMALL BUT LOUD LEFTIST FACTION SAYS IT WILL QUIT THE PARTY IF THAT HAPPENS.

THE OLD PLANK NOW BINDS THE PARTY TO REJECT NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR NORWAY. THE NEW VERSION WOULD LET THE GOVERNMENT CHANGE ITS POLICY IF THE WORLD SITUATION SHOULD GREATLY CHANGE.

PARLIAMENT IS TO DEBATE THE WHOLE QUESTION OF NATIONAL DEFENSE IN THE SPRING, AND THE NUCLEAR ARMAMENT STAND IS SURE TO BE INCLUDED. OPINION IS GENERALLY DIVIDED AMONG THE LEGISLATORS.

NORWAY REMAINS COMPLETELY WITHOUT NUCLEAR WEAPONS, WITH NOT EVEN THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING ITS OWN, WHILE THE FUROR GROWS.

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JERUSALEM, MARCH 21 (AP)-THE U.N. AND JORDANIAN MEMBERS OF THE JORDAN-ISRAEL MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION JOINED YESTERDAY IN CONDEMNING ISRAEL FOR STATIONING TANKS AND HEAVY ARTILLERY ON THE ARMISTICE DEMARCTION LINE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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THE CONDEMNATION SAID THIS VIOLATED THE GENERAL ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. ISRAEL WAS ASKED TO TAKE "THE STRONGEST MEASURES" TO PREVENT A RECURRENT.

THE ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY SAID THE EQUIPMENT--A CENTURION AND SHERMAN TANKS AND 105 AND 155MM GUNS--HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO JERUSALEM FOR THE ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE APRIL 20. A SPOKESMAN SAID THE U.N. TRUCE AUTHORITIES AND THE JORDANIAN DELEGATION TO THE COMMISSION HAD BEEN INFORMED SEVERAL WEEKS OF THE PLANNED MOVEMENT.

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AP FOREIGN SERVICE ADVANCE FOR TUESDAY AMS, MARCH 21  
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BY GENE KRAMER ~~30.24~~

(ADVANCE) TAIPEI, MARCH 20 (AP)-AMERICA'S TOP COMMANDER ON FORMOSA SAYS THE CHINESE NATIONALIST OFFSHORE ISLANDS ARE BETTER DEFENDED THAN EVER AGAINST AN EXPECTED NEW COMMUNIST TEST OF U.S. INTENTIONS.

VICE ADM. ROLAND N. SMOOT, U.N. TAIWAN (FORMOSA) DEFENSE

COMMANDER, SAYS:

"I WOULD NOT ENVY THE COMMUNIST GENERAL ORDERED TO CAPTURE THOSE ISLANDS. HE WOULD HAVE TO MARCH OVER THOUSANDS OF HIS OWN DEAD."

SMOOT DISCLOSED THE CHINESE NATIONALISTS HAVE REDUCED THEIR MANPOWER ON QUEMOY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A 1958 PLEDGE TO THE UNITED STATES, WHILE BOLSTERING OFFSHORE DEFENSES WITH BETTER WEAPONS AND FORTIFICATIONS AND BIGGER SUPPLY STOCKS.

SMOOT AND OTHER AMERICAN EXPERTS HAVE BEEN EXPECTING COMMUNIST CHINA WILL TRY TO TEST THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION'S INTENTIONS ON DEFENDING THE SMALL QUEMOY AND MATSU ISLANDS IN SIGHT OF THE RED MAINLAND, PARTICULARLY AFTER THE CONTROVERSY OVER THEM IN THE 1960 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

BUT ALMOST SURPRISINGLY, SMOOT SAID IN AN INTERVIEW, "THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION OF ANY BUILDUP" OR OTHER ACTIVITY BY THE REDS IN THE FORMOSA STRAITS AREA OF THE KIND THAT WOULD CONCERN THE UNITED STATES.

THE CHINESE NATIONALISTS, MEANWHILE, SEEM TO BE RESERVING FINAL JUDGMENT ON THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION'S CHINA POLICY. WHILE WAITING FOR IT TO TAKE SHAPE THEY RECALL THE CAMPAIGN DEBATES BETWEEN KENNEDY AND HIS REPUBLICAN OPPONENT, RICHARD NIXON, AND THEY ARE AWARE THAT A NUMBER OF INFLUENTIAL FIGURES IN THE NEW ADMINISTRATION FAVOR A MORE CONCILIATORY STAND TOWARD PEIPING.

IN THE CAMPAIGN, KENNEDY SAID INITIALLY AMERICAN LIVES SHOULD NOT BE COMMITTED TO DEFENSE OF THE ISLANDS. BOTH CANDIDATES LATER AGREED THE UNITED STATES WOULD HAVE TO ACT IF A COMMUNIST MOVE AGAINST THE ISLANDS, QUEMOY AND MATSU, WERE CLEARLY PART OF AN OFFENSIVE AGAINST FORMOSA.

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT IT WOULD BE LOGICAL FOR THE COMMUNISTS TO TEST THE NEW PRESIDENT'S INTENTION, SMOOT SAID, "IF THERE HAS BEEN ANY CHINESE BUILDUP, IT WOULD SEEM TO BE FARTHER SOUTH" IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

AROUND THE FORMOSA STRAIT, HE SAID, THE COMMUNISTS' "WHOLE ATTITUDE HAS BEEN OF A DEFENSIVE NATURE, MAINLY REACTING TO MOVES OF THE CHINESE NATIONALISTS. JUST LET THE NATIONALISTS TURN TOWARD THE COAST (WITH THEIR AERIAL PATROLS) FARTHER THAN USUAL, AND THEY REACT.

"OTHERWISE, THEY DON'T REACT," EXPLAINED SMOOT, WHO HAS PRESIDED OVER FORMOSA DEFENSES SINCE BEFORE THE COMMUNISTS' UNSUCCESSFUL 1958 ARTILLERY WAR AGAINST QUEMOY.

SMOOT STRESSED THAT THE CRITICAL QUESTIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES, WHETHER TO DEFEND THE ISLANDS AND WHETHER A MOVE AGAINST THEM SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A PRELUDE TO INVASION OF FORMOSA, WAS FOR HIGHER AUTHORITY TO DECIDE.

HE SAID THAT IN PRINCIPLE "WE WOULD REGARD SERIOUSLY" ANY LARGE-SCALE CONCENTRATIONS OF TROOPS ON THE MAINLAND OPPOSITE THE FORMOSA STRAIT AND SUDDEN HEAVY COMMUNIST SHIP MOVEMENTS. THERE HAVE BEEN NONE, SMOOT SAID, ADDING THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD PROBABLY RESERVE JUDGMENT IF THE COMMUNISTS MERELY LOOSED A PUNISHING NEW BOMBARDMENT AGAINST QUEMOY OF THE KIND THEY USED IN A DEFIDENT "SALUTE" TO VISITING PRESIDENT EISENHOWER LAST JUNE.

THE ADMIRAL SAID THE INTENSE MAINLAND BUILDUP WHICH PRECEDED THE COMMUNIST 1958 OFFENSIVE AGAINST QUEMOY HAS NOT CONTINUED, ACCORDING TO AVAILABLE INFORMATION.

HE SAID THE NATIONALIST QUEMOY GARRISON REPORTEDLY WAS REDUCED FROM SEVEN TO SIX DIVISIONS OR BY ABOUT 12,000 SOLDIERS.

SMOOT DESCRIBED THE OFFSHORE ISLANDS AS TROUBLESOME BUT HANDY. HE SAID THIS WAS STRICTLY FROM THE MILITARY POINT OF VIEW: THAT FRIENDLY TERRITORY WHICH ADJOINS ENEMY TERRITORY IS A SOURCE OF TROUBLE BUT IS A HANDY TROUBLE SPOT WHEN IT PROVIDES AN ADDITIONAL LINE OF DEFENSE FOR MORE VITAL TERRITORY.

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT A PORTION OF U.S. MILITARY AID GOES INTO HEAVY OFFSHORE ISLAND DEFENSES, SMOOT SAID THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT TELL NATIONALIST CHINA HOW TO DEPLOY ITS FORCES, BUT

DOES INSURE THE AID IS USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY COVERING THE DEFENSE OF FORMOSA AND THE PESCADORES BUT NOT THE OFFSHORE ISLANDS.

THE ADMIRAL CALLED NATIONALIST CHINA "AN ALLY WE SHOULD CHERISH, FOR IF NEED BE THEY WILL FIGHT AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS TO THE LAST MAN."

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